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Cedar Grove June 10 1861.

Dear Father,

I have written some two or three times since I have rec^d a reply from you, but as I do not count letters with you, have concluded to write again hoping if you could not write yourself that you would make some of the children write. I hope there will be an improvement in Postal affairs now for certainly they have been in a dreadful condition for some time at least in our section - Our crops are looking pretty well needing rain, however, although we have had some showers and have indications of others shortly - with one or two good rains our corn will be excellent, - Cotton too looks well - we have good stands of both, except about 50 acres of Cotton which we expect to cut our wheat some 4 weeks ago but have not thrashed it out yet, it looked well and I think will turn out well - Rye was very fine - we have cut enough for seed, made pasture of the rest - Our supply of Vegetables has been pretty good for some time, Irish Potatoes very fine - Beans, Peas, Cabbage, Squash in fair supply - Corn for the last week, and Sweet Potatoes of last years growth constitutes our vegetable bill of fare - then Corn, black berries of which there is an endless supply, plums, ^{figs} &c &c so you see we are not suffering yet although the Blockade is in full effect - Now would we not be in

